

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Board of Regents

**From:** Board Office

**Subject:** Approval of a Change in the Name of the Master's Program in English with a Specialization in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) to the Master of Arts in Teaching English as a Second Language/Applied Linguistics

**Date:** July 6, 2001

**Recommended Action:**

Approve by consent the Iowa State University proposal to change the name of the Master's Program in English with a Specialization in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) to the Master of Arts in Teaching English as a Second Language/Applied Linguistics.

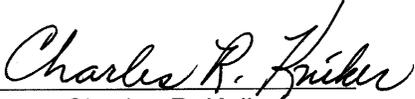
**Executive Summary:**

Iowa State University is requesting approval of a name change for the existing Master's program in English with a Specialization in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL). The new title, Master of Arts in Teaching English as a Second Language/Applied Linguistics, better reflects the content of the existing program. The degree program is located within the Department of English in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences.

The current Master's program has existed since 1980. The curriculum has evolved over the years to keep pace with pedagogical and theoretical advances in the field. The name change will help recruit highly qualified students to the program as well as help graduates of the program seek employment in the field.

The name change does not involve any curriculum changes, nor are any additional costs anticipated.

Letters of support have been received from the University of Iowa and the University of Northern Iowa. UNI indicates it will provide an additional memorandum focusing on ramifications for its program.

  
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Approved:

  
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